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In re Application of	:	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Akira Arai, et al.	:	
Application No. 09/871,600	:	ON PETITION
Filed: May 31, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. 9319A-000222	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee, filed August 24, 2004.

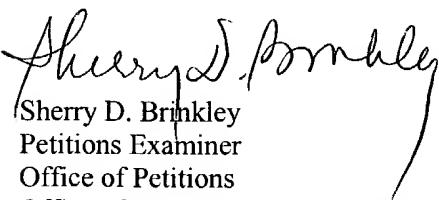
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

*Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid July 19, 2004, in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.*¹

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9220.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1742 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed August 24, 2004.


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¹The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).